

SENATE RESOLUTION 143

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James L. Watts upon being named a Roane County Founders' Day Celebration Honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is James L. Watts, who has been named an honoree of the Founders' Day Celebration in Roane County in recognition of his many contributions as a productive and compassionate citizen of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, born in Rockwood, Mr. Watts is a graduate of Rockwood High School; he has worked as an independent life insurance agent and as a truck safety inspector and consumer specialist for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, James Watts rendered sterling service to his community as a justice of the peace from 1968 to 1972; as a member of the Rockwood City Council from 1971 to 1979, 1999 to 2001, and 2003 to 2007; and as the Mayor of Rockwood from 2007 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in his community, Mr. Watts has been a member of the Rockwood Gas, Water, and Sewer Board; the Rockwood Electric Utility Board; the Rockwood Parks and Recreation Board; the Rockwood Golf Board; the Rockwood Planning Commission; the Mid-East Community Action Agency; and the Roane County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, James Watts is a devout member of Rockwood United Methodist; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, James Watts treasures the love and companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, Vickie, and his son, James; he also enjoys fishing, hunting, and traveling during his free time; and

WHEREAS, having given so much for so many fruitful years to the County of Roane and all his fine neighbors, family, and friends therein, James Watts, as an honoree of the Roane County Founders' Day Celebration, becomes the latest shimmering jewel added to the county's chest of treasures; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor the founding of the great County of Roane and cherish the genuine, irreplaceable value that persons such as James Watts bring to the heritage of their communities, their counties, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend James Watts upon being named a Roane County Founders' Day Celebration Honoree, applaud his dedication and devotion to the people of Roane County, and extend to him our best wishes for all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.